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LAW OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS, embracing Husband and Wife, Parent and Child, Guardian and Ward, Infancy, and Master and Servant, by James Schouler, LL. D., author of Treatises on "Ballments," "Personal Property," "Wills," "Executors," etc., Little, Brown & Company, Boston: 1905. 421 pp. \$3.50, net.

The author's former works have made him well-known to the profession. His present volume is for the purpose of supplying students and lawyers with an elementary treatise which may serve for study and practical use. It is an abridgment of the author's larger work on the subject and is the result of twenty years' experience as a professor of law. In one particular the work differs from almost all other text-books written by well-known authors. This difference consists in the fact that the work was wholly prepared by the man whose name it bears. The modern way of making text-books is to employ young students of the law to get the material together and the "well-known author" edits and revises the same and issues it to the public as his work. Books made in this manner can not in the nature of things be as valuable as those which are written by men of wide learning and experience. We are glad to know that the author in the performance of his task has not ignored the many valuable decisions rendered in this State touching upon the subject of this work. This fact adds to its value to the Virginia practitioner.

PROBATE REPORTS ANNOTATED: Containing Recent Cases of General Value Decided in the Courts of the Several States on points of Probate Law. With notes and References. By Frank S. Rice, Counsellor at Law, author of "American Probate Law," "Civil and Criminal Evidence," and "Modern Law of Real Property." Vol. II. Baker, Voorhis & Company, New York.

The plan of this new series of reports is to give in about one volume a year contemporaneous or recent decisions of the highest courts of the different states of the Union upon all matters cognizable in probate and surrogate courts. Each volume contains about one hundred recent cases with many exhaustive notes. Nine volumes including index have already appeared. It is a genuine luxury to have upon one's shelves this series when there arises a perplexing question of law within its scope. The possessor of this series does not have to grope about looking for what he wants, but finds the cream of the law on a subject collected in the most convenient form. Some of the important subjects treated in the volume are: Rules Governing the Construction of Wills; Gifts Causa Mortis; Nuncupative Wills; Presumption of Intestacy Not Favored; When Legacies Are a Charge upon the Land Devised; Distinction Between "Specific" and Demonstrative Legacies; Revocation of Wills by Marriage; Restraints on Alienation; Legal Incidents of a Fee Simple Estate; Insane Delusion as Affecting Testamentary Capacity; Administration on the Estate of Living Persons; Will Speaks from the Time of Testator's Death; When a Devise Is Void Because Repugnant to the Estate Granted; On the Doctrine of Spendthrift Trusts; Court May Place Itself in the Circumstances of the Testator; Assertion of Adverse Title by a Co-Tenant; Agreements to Make a Will; Extent of an Executor's Liability; To What Extent the Court May